Reviewer’s report

**Title:** A Case Report of Chinese Brothers with Inherited MECP2-containing Duplication: Autism and Intellectual Disability, but not Seizures or Respiratory Infections

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**Reviewer:** Fiorella Gurrieri

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**Major revision:**

I am not sure that there is truly a clinical difference between these 2 brothers and other patients previously reported with dup MECP2. This difference might be by chance; there is no clinical sign that HAS to be present in any genetic disorder and any difference can be explained by variable expressivity. Also the respiratory infections may occur later in life....

Also, if these two brothers have dysmorphic features of some relevance, a picture of them should be published.

I agree that this might be the first report of MECP2 duplication in chinese patients but I do not think this deserves too much emphasis: I mean that the manuscript should be dramatically shortened.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no competing interests